

Weekly Column for November 29, 2007

Welcome to the end of November, which can only mean one thing in the City of Troy, it is time to stroll.

Sunday brings us the 25th Annual Victorian Stroll, an event we are gearing up for in many different fashions. And why not? On this celebrated occasion, the City of Troy embraces the opportunity to let people know what it is we have to offer. The Victorian Stroll marks the official beginning of the Holiday Season in Troy, and we look forward to you joining us for the festive occasion.

For the past 25 years, the Victorian Stroll has brought an atmosphere of yesteryear to Downtown Troy. It provides us with an opportunity to reminisce, all the while exploring the increasing vibrancy of our downtown. As we continue to grow each year, so to does the Victorian Stroll.

When you hit downtown on Sunday, please take some time to explore all of our many shops in what we consider the most walk-able downtown in upstate New York. Our restaurants will satisfy your hunger and our shops will keep you busy, but it is the people and stories of Troy that will keep you coming back. Each day we add more believers to the list of those that think Troy will soon reach its potential. This is the message we want to send.

I say each year that without the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce and President Linda Hillman, the Stroll you will see could never happen. And that is true. Whether it is freezing temperatures, feet of snow, or the occasional fall like weather, the organizers face the unexpected each year. Yet they, and the show, marches on. For that we are grateful.

As you wander around Troy on Sunday, please also take a moment to realize that we are not just spectacular during the month of December. From the springtime fishing tournaments, to the sweltering heat of our summer-time jams, to the renewed energy of fall, downtown Troy is open 365 days a year. We want to see you year round.

And do make sure to stick around for the tree lighting in Monument Square this year, it promises to be extra special.

Have a great weekend!

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Mayor of Troy